



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Jim Geringer - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking	8 th in 2002 - 12 th in 2001 - 20 th in 2000
Nicknames	Equality State - Big Wyoming - Cowboy State
State Dinosaur & State Fossil	Triceratops & Knightia
State Flower & State Tree	Indian Paintbrush & Plains Cottonwood
State Bird & State Fish	Western Meadowlark & Cutthroat Trout
State Mammal & State Gemstone	Bison & Jade
1 st National Park	Yellowstone - established March 1, 1872
1 st National Monument	Devil's Tower - established September 24, 1906
Admitted to Statehood - Date & Rank	July 10, 1890 - 44 th State

Items	Year	Most Recent Period Value	Rank	Year	Previous Period Value	% Change in Value
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Demography

Total Population	2000	493,782	50	1990	453,588	8.9%
Total Male Population	2000	248,374	50	1990	227,007	9.4%
Total Female Population	2000	245,408	50	1990	226,581	8.3%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2000	26.1%	16	1990	29.9%	-12.7%
% of Population - 18 to 64 Years Old	2000	62.2%	21	1990	59.7%	4.2%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2000	11.7%	38	1990	10.4%	12.5%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2000	53,011	-	1990	50,008	6.0%
Population per Square Mile	2000	5.04	49	1990	4.63	8.9%
Number of Counties	2002	23	39	2000	23	0.0%
Most Populated County - Laramie County	2000	81,607	-	1990	73,142	11.6%
Least Populated County - Niobrara County	2000	2,407	-	1990	2,499	-3.7%
Median Age	2000	36.2	18	1990	32.1	12.8%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons	2000	10.0	9	1999	10.1	-1.0%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2000	5.7	5	1999	5.9	-3.4%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting	2000	59.7%	11	1998	49.4%	20.9%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles)	2002	97,914	9	-	-	NA
Water Area (sq. miles)	2002	714	35	-	-	NA
Mean Elevation (ft)	2002	6,700	2	-	-	NA
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2002	13,804	5	-	-	NA
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2002	3,125	49	-	-	NA
Normal Mean Temperature (f)	2001	45.6	41	-	-	NA
Average Annual Precipitation (in)	1998	14.5	-	-	-	NA
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2001	12.9	1	-	-	NA
% of Days That are Sunny	2001	64.0%	9	-	-	NA
% of Land in Rural Areas	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Gov't.	2002	47.7%	6	2000	49.8%	-4.2%
% of Land Owned by State Gov't.	2002	6.2%	-	1999	5.7%	8.8%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (mil. acres):						
- National Park Service	2002	2.3	-	-	-	NA
- U.S. Forest Service	2002	9.3	-	-	-	NA
- Bureau of Land Management	2002	17.4	-	-	-	NA
Wyoming State Parks Acreage (land & water)	2002	114,571	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas	2001	2,537,989	44	2000	2,157,707	17.6%
# of Downhill Ski Areas	2002	10	-	-	-	NA
Miles of Snowmobile Trails	2002	2,000+	-	-	-	NA
# of National Forests	2002	9	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to Grand Teton Nat'l. Park	2001	2,535,108	-	2000	2,590,624	-2.1%
Visitors to Yellowstone Nat'l. Park	2001	2,758,526	-	2000	2,838,233	-2.8%
Visitors to Devil's Tower Nat'l. Monument	2001	375,596	-	2000	383,468	-2.1%
Visitors to Fossil Butte Nat'l. Monument	2001	19,902	-	2000	21,915	-9.2%



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Wyoming Economy						
Median Household Income (\$)	1999-00	\$38,839	36	1998-99	\$37,924	2.4%
Per Capita Personal Income (\$)	2001	\$28,807	20	2000	\$27,372	5.2%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$)	1999	\$36,380	12	1998	\$34,324	6.0%
Bankruptcy Filings	2001	2,489	47	2000	2,010	23.8%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2001	494	22	2000	397	24.4%
Retail Sales (Bil. \$)	2001	\$5.415	-	2000	\$5.194	4.3%
Car & Truck Registrations	2001	21,081	-	2000	21,320	-1.1%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms	2000	12.6%	25	1999	-	NA
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate	4Q01	3.5%	-	4Q00	3.2%	9.4%
Comparative Cost of Living (U.S. avg. = 1.000)	1999	0.959	25	1998	0.958	0.1%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (mil. \$)	2001	\$503.3	48	2000	\$502.5	0.2%

Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$)	2000	\$26,837	45	1999	\$25,639	4.7%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour)	2002	\$5.15	12	2001	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force	2001	271,262	50	2000	266,945	1.6%
Employed	2001	260,596	50	2000	256,568	1.6%
Unemployed	2001	10,666	50	2000	10,377	2.8%
Unemployment Rate	2001	3.9%	37	2000	3.9%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm Employees	2001	245,600	50	2000	239,400	2.6%
% of Employees in Mining	2001	7.8%	1	2000	7.1%	9.9%
% of Employees in Government	2001	24.9%	2	2000	25.0%	-0.4%
% of Employees in Construction	2001	7.3%	2	2000	7.3%	0.0%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2001	4.6%	47	2000	4.8%	-4.2%
% of Employees in Service Industries	2001	23.6%	50	2000	23.6%	0.0%

Tax Environment						
Individual Income Tax Rate	2002	0.0%	42	2001	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2002	0.0%	47	2001	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2002	4.0%	36	2001	4.0%	0.0%
Residential Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	2002	\$0.71	46	2001	\$0.75	-5.3%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon)	2002	\$0.14	44	2001	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2002	\$0.12	46	2001	\$0.12	0.0%
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming	2002	May 4	5	2001	May 6	-2 days
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2002	April 27	-	2001	April 29	-2 days
State/Local Taxes as % of Income	2002	9.8%	36	2001	9.2%	6.5%
Federal Taxes as % of Income	2002	24.2%	3	2001	26.6%	-9.0%

Agriculture & Mining						
Average # of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2000	3,761	1	1999	3,761	0.0%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (mil.\$)	1999	\$851.7	-	1998	\$847.8	0.5%
Beef Cows (1,000)	2000	825	15	1999	824	0.1%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	2000	530	3	1999	660	-19.7%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2000	4,560	2	1999	4,930	-7.5%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2000	1,426	23	1999	1,782	-20.0%
Barley (1,000 bu.)	2000	7,885	8	1999	7,310	7.9%
Sugarbeets (1,000 tons)	2000	1,156	8	1999	1,205	-4.1%
Natural Gas Production (bil. cubic feet)	2001	1,605.8	5	2000	1,455.4	10.3%
Coal Production (mil. short tons)	2001	368.7	1	2000	338.9	8.8%
Coalbed Methane Production (bil. cubic feet)	2001	250.6	3	2000	150.7	66.3%
Natural Gas Production (bil. cubic feet)	2001	1,605.8	5	2000	1,455.4	10.3%
Crude Oil Production (mil. barrels)	2001	57.4	7	2000	60.6	-5.3%
Trona Production (mil. short tons)	2001	17.7	1	2000	17.7	0.0%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Coal (\$/ton)	2001	\$5.79	-	2000	\$5.40	7.2%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/bbl.)	2001	\$21.59	-	2000	\$26.88	-19.7%
Average Spot Price for Opal Natural Gas (\$/mcf)	2001	\$3.66	-	2000	\$3.42	7.0%



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes	2000	16,285	49	1999	16,583	-1.8%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2000	3,298	34	1999	3,455	-4.5%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2000	267	39	1999	232	15.1%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2000	2.4	39	1999	2.3	4.3%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2000	32.4	26	1999	28.5	13.7%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2000	14.2	49	1999	15.4	-7.8%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2000	218	37	1999	186	17.2%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2000	421	47	1999	489	-13.9%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2000	2,495	27	1999	2,609	-4.4%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2000	116	48	1999	124	-6.5%
Per Capita S/L Gov't. Exp. for Police Prot. (\$)	1999	\$195	15	1997	\$164	18.9%

Education						
% of Pop. (25+) with High School Degree	2000	90.0%	6	1999	90.7%	-0.8%
% of Pop. (25+) with Bachelor's Degree	2000	24.0%	24	1999	22.3%	7.6%
Education Freedom Index (composite score)	2001	1.79	30	-	-	NA
ACT Average Composite Score	2001	21.5	16	2000	21.6	-0.5%
SAT Average Composite Score	2001	1,092	20	2000	1,090	0.2%
% of Students in Private Schools	2000	2.3%	50	1998	2.6%	-11.5%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools	2001	13.0	47	2000	13.9	-6.5%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$)	2001	\$34,189	44	1999	\$33,500	2.1%
Public High School Graduation Rate	2000	73.2%	19	1999	76.1%	-3.8%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$)	2001	\$7,928	13	2000	\$7,356	7.8%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming	Fall 01	12,402	-	Fall 00	11,743	5.6%
Average Student Age at U.W.	Fall 01	27.0	-	Fall 00	26.7	1.1%
4-Year Graduation Rate at U.W.	Fall 97	24.4%	-	Fall 96	24.6%	-0.8%
Average Faculty Salary at U.W. (\$ - all ranks)	Fall 01	\$54,898	-	Fall 00	\$54,731	0.3%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at U.W.	2000-01	1,677	-	1999-00	1,797	-6.7%

Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance	2000	14.4%	14	1999	15.1%	-4.6%
Nonfederal Physicians per 100,000 Persons	2000	197	45	1999	198	-0.5%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons	2000	780	32	-	-	NA
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons	2000	4.9	5	1999	4.8	2.1%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons	2000	13	41	1999	13	1.6%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women	2000	41	30	1998	48	-14.2%
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	1999	7	25	1998	7	0.0%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	1999	843	33	1998	801	5.2%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	1999	21	2	1998	17	23.5%
Reported AIDS cases per 100,000 Persons	2001	1	46	2000	2	-50.0%
% of Adults Who Smoke	2000	23.8%	18	1999	23.9%	-0.4%
% of Persons in Poverty	2000	11.2%	23	1999	11.1%	0.9%
% of Persons Enrolled in Medicare	2000	13.0%	37	1999	13.4%	-3.0%
% of Persons Receiving Food Stamps	2001	4.6%	35	2000	4.5%	2.2%

Housing & Transportation						
Residential Building Permits	2001	1,882	50	2000	1,582	19.0%
Existing Home Sales	2001	15,854	47	2000	13,525	17.2%
Average Home Price (\$)	2001	\$122,063	-	2000	\$115,439	5.7%
% of Homes Occupied by Owner	2001	73.5%	14	2000	71.0%	3.5%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$)	4Q01	\$598	-	4Q00	\$562	6.4%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	4Q01	\$429	-	4Q00	\$396	8.3%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	4Q01	\$436	-	4Q00	\$408	6.9%
Rental Vacancy Rate	2001	7.8%	14	2000	8.1%	-3.7%
Deficient Bridges as % of Total	2001	20.9%	40	2000	21.3%	-1.9%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles	2000	1.9	13	1999	2.4	-21.5%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2000	30%	46	1999	37%	-18.9%

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; Morgan Quitno Corp.; WY State Geological Survey; WY Dept's. of Agriculture, Employment, and Revenue; Wyoming Dept. of Admin. & Info. - Economic Analysis Division; University of Wyoming; WY Oil & Gas Conservation Commission; WY Taxpayers Assoc.; Tax Foundation; Economy.com; Manhattan Inst.; Mass. Inst. of Social & Economic Research.

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